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SUBJECT: DRAFT NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION

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1. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS TEXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION WHICH YOU SHOULD SUBMIT TO INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO AID THEM IN THEIR DRAFTING EFFORT. IN DOING SO, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT WE ATTACH PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO A SUMMIT DECLARATION WHICH IS BRIEF, WHICH AVOIDS BUREAUCRATIC LANGUAGE AND WHICH WILL HAVE SOME PUBLIC APPEAL AS AN EXPRESSION OF ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY. WE WILL, OF COURSE, RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REVERT TO THE US DRAFT IF IS EFFORT FAILS TO MEET OUR STANDARDS.

2. TEXT OF US DRAFT FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN TEXT.

LEADERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE MET ON MAY 29-30. THEY REAFFIRMED THE PRINCIPLES THAT UNITE

THEM; REVIEWED THE CHALLENGES THAT CONFRONT THEM;
AND RESOLVED TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES COLLECTIVELY
WITH WILL AND ENERGY.

IN THE TWENTY-SIX YEAR SPAN OF THE ALLIANCE:

--- EACH OF ITS MEMBERS HAS MAINTAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE
AND SECURITY.

--- NONE HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF ARMED ATTACK.

--- THE TENSIONS OF CONFRONTATION WITH POTENTIAL
ADVERSARIES HAVE BEGUN TO YIELD TO THE PROMISED
BENEFITS OF NEGOTIATION.

YET, TODAY THE ALLIANCE IS BEING TESTED:

--- THE ARMED FORCES OF POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES HAVE
BEEN INCREASED AND IMPROVED, GIVING RISE TO QUESTIONS
OF PURPOSE AND INTENT.

--- WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS PERSIST, STRAINING
THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AND TESTING
THEIR DETERMINATION AND ABILITY TO MAINTAIN A SATIS-
FACTORY DEFENCE.

--- PROBLEMS OF ENERGY SUPPLY REMAIN UNRESOLVED,
TOGETHER WITH THE COROLLARY ISSUE OF POLITICAL
DEPENDENCE.

--- DISPUTES AMONG SOME MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE
DIMINISH THE STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE.

REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION,
LEADERS OF THE ALLIANCE AGREED:

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--- TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMON DEFENCE. WITHOUT A
CREDIBLE CAPACITY TO DETER, THE ALLIANCE CANNOT
PROVIDE THE NECESSARY GUARANTEE THAT THE INDEPENDENCE
OF ITS MEMBERS CAN BE MAINTAINED.

--- TO PURSUE DETENTE WITH TRADITIONAL ADVERSARIES. THE
PROCESS OF REDUCING CAUSES OF TENSION MUST INCLUDE A
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND THE DETERMINATION THEREAFTER
TO TRANSLATE ITS WORDS INTO DEEDS WHICH WILL PROVIDE
GREATER FREEDOM, PROSPERITY, DIGNITY AND SECURITY FOR ALL
PEOPLE IN EUROPE. THE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS ALSO REQUIRES
A MUTUAL AND BALANCED REDUCTION OF STANDING ARMIES IN

A MANNER WHICH WILL PRESERVE OUR SECURITY.

--- TO RESOLVE DISPUTES AMONG THEMSELVES. AN ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRACIES HAS A SPECIAL DUTY TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

--- TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND COOPERATE ON THE GLOBAL PROBLEMS OF FOOD, ENERGY, POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT ON WHOSE SOLUTION THE FUTURE OF ALL MANKIND DEPENDS.

ALLIED LEADERS UNEQUIVOCALLY RENEWED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, AND IN PARTICULAR ARTICLE 5 RELATING TO THE ALLIED RESPONSE TO ARMED ATTACK. THEY AGREED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVOTE THEIR FULL EFFORTS TO MEETING THE EVER-CHANGING PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE ALLIANCE SO THAT THE BENEFITS OF SECURITY, FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY WHICH THEY HAVE ACHIEVED WILL BE PASSED ON TO FUTURE GENERATIONS. END TEXT.

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